

NSC BRIEFING

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NORTH AFRICA

- I. The most important recent development in North Africa has been the Tangier conference of Moroccan, Tunisian and Algerian political parties (27-30 April). The conference recommended formation of Algerian government-in-exile, after consultation with Moroccan and Tunisian governments.
- A. Morocco and Tunisia, aware of French strong antagonism to formation of a government-in-exile, may be able to stall a month or two.
- B. The ^{expansion} ~~extent~~ of Moroccan and Tunisian influence means a corresponding decline in that of Nasir.
- C. Conference also approved the development of North African Federation (Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya).
- D. And apparently Morocco will also become a more important channel through which supplies reach Algerian rebels.
- II. The Tangier recommendation has not aroused significant reaction from rightists among Europeans in Algeria, who however continue worried that Paris may abandon them to North African nationalism.
- A. Any indication of weakening in metropole almost certain to trigger demonstrations--possibly leading to widespread anti-Moslem and anti-American violence and possible attempt to seize power.

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